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Dear Sir:

On December 31, 2007, Examiner Kahelin initiated a telephonic interview with the undersigned. The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-23, 33, 35-41, 54 and 56-58 were allowed, but that restriction was required between the allowed claims (Group I) and claims 59 and 60 (Group II). The undersigned provisionally elected Group I (the allowed claims) without traverse. Applicant hereby affirms the election of Group I (claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-23, 33, 35-41, 54 and 56-58) without traverse.

During the interview, the Examiner also requested authorization to cancel claims 59 and 60 of non-elected Group II. The undersigned authorized an Examiner's Amendment canceling claims 59 and 60 without prejudice.